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Idaho Onion Acreage Intentions for 2010

Onion acreage planted in Idaho is expected to be 9,800 acres, up 9 percent from the 2009 acreage of 9,000 and up 11 percent from the 2008 acreage of 8,800, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Producers in Malheur County, Oregon are expected to plant 11,400 acres, up 2 percent from last year. Combined onion acreage for Idaho and Malheur County increase 5 percent from last year to 21,200 acres.

Nationally, storage planted area is 107,610 acres, down 2 percent from 2009. California acreage, which is primarily dehydrated or otherwise processed, is down 11 percent from last year. Despite concerns with water availability during planting, good growing conditions are currently being reported. In Idaho, snow pack on March 1 was reported to be below average. In Washington, summer onion planting began in some areas around March 1